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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 12-28 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

A cooling mechanism for a testing device comprising one of the species of:

- (a) micromachined cooling channel(s); (see page 13, line 6-7)
- (b) etched cooling channel(s); (see page 13, line 8-9)
- (c) drilled cooling channel(s); (see page 13, line 9-10)
- (d) cooling channel(s) derived during the casting of the circuit board; (see page 9, line 6)
- (e) a heat sink coupled to the Pin Electronics Card; (see page 13, line 11-13)
- (f) a heat sink located at the base of the Plug in Board (410); (see page 13, line 13-14)
- (g) a heat sink integral with the coupling mechanism; (see page 13, line 14-16)
- (h) a cooling manifold coupled to the control card; (see page 15, line 16-17)
- (i) a cooling manifold in contact with some of the Pin Electronics ICs; (see page 15, line 17-19)
- (j) heat sinks coupled to integrated circuits of the control card wherein the heat sinks are further coupled to a cooling manifold; (see page 15, line 19-20)

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Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

2. Upon the election of species noted supra, further election of subspecies (wherein species is understood to mean subspecies) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- (a) The species to which water is used as a cooling means; (page 7, line 18-19)
- (b) The species to which R134 gas is used as a cooling means; (page 7, line 18-19)
- (c) The species to which HCFC is used as a cooling means; (page 12, line 24)
- (d) The species to which Xenon is used as a cooling means; (page 12, line 24)
- (e) The species to which no liquid or gas is used

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

3. Upon the election of species noted supra, further election of sub²-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub²-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

A computer system for a testing device comprising one of the species of:

- (a) a Timing Generator; (page 8, line 9)
- (b) a Logic Circuit; (page 8, line 16-19)
- (c) control circuits (page 14, line 18-20)
- (d) the combination of a Timing Generator and a Logic Circuit noted supra;
- (e) the combination of a Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;
- (f) the combination of a Timing Generator, Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;
- (g) the absence of a Timing Generator, Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim *appears* to be generic.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

4. Upon the election of sub-species noted supra, further election of sub³-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub³-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

A Test Head for a testing device comprising one of the species of:

- (a) a Timing Generator; (page 8, line 9)
- (b) a Logic Circuit; (page 8, line 16-19)
- (c) control circuits (page 14, line 18-20)
- (d) the combination of a Timing Generator and a Logic Circuit noted supra;
- (e) the combination of a Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;
- (f) the combination of a Timing Generator, Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;
- (g) the absence of a Timing Generator, Logic Circuit and control circuit(s) noted supra;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim *appears* to be generic.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include

all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

5. Upon the election of sub-species noted supra, further election of sub⁴-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub⁴-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

(a) The species to which the integrated circuit cards are designed such that the portion containing the pins fit within the wedge shaped cut-outs; (page 9, line 17-19)

(b) The species to which the top of the body includes a plurality of holes sized to fit the pins; (page 9, line 19-20)

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim *appears* to be generic.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

6. Upon the election of sub-species noted supra, further election of sub⁵-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub⁵-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

(a) The species of Figure 7;

(b) The species of Figure 8;

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

7. Upon the election of sub-species noted supra, further election of sub⁶-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub⁶-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention (see page 19, line 1-9):

(a) The species to which the switches comprise a cantilever controlled by electromagnetic attraction and repulsion;

(b) The species to which the switches comprise Rhodium contacts and Ferrite electromagnetics;

(c) The species to which the switches comprise micromachined parts;

(d) The species to which the switches comprise electrostatic relays;

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims

are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

8. Upon the election of sub-species noted supra, further election of sub⁷-species (wherein species is understood to mean sub⁷-species) is required as follows:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- (a) The species of Figure 10A;
- (b) The species of Figure 10B;
- (c) The species of Figure 10C;
- (d) The species of Figure 10D;

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readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

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9. A telephone call was made to the Office of the Attorney of Record on July 27, 2004 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.


10. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire one month(s) from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell Kobert whose telephone number is (571) 272-1963. The Examiner's Supervisor, Kammie Cuneo, can be reached at (571) 272-1957. For an automated menu of Tech Center 2800 phone numbers call (571) 272-2800.



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